

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application as amended herein. Claims 18-26 are canceled. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim(s) 1-17 are allowed.

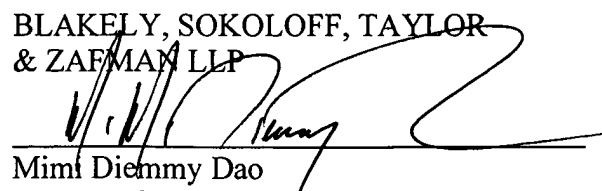
Applicant respectfully petitions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time to file this response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2005. The extended period is set to expire on February 28, 2006. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time. A Petition is concurrently submitted with this Amendment.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Mimi Dao at (408) 720-8300.

Applicant believes that all necessary fees are included. Nevertheless, authorization is given herein for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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